

AMENDED 4/12/06

**BISCAYNE GARDENS MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (BGMAC)
March 23, 2006**

Present: Roger Gordon, Vernell Everett, Michelle McCook, Anne Zimmerman, Patrinia Dozier-Washington, Cheree Gulley

Meeting called to order by chair Vernell Everett. Mr. Gordon suggested the following dates for future MAC meetings, May 11 and 25, 2006, June 8 and 22, 2006.

Mr. Everett updated the MAC on the progress of other municipal advisory boards and the efforts of the steering committees to reach the members of their communities. He also distributed copies of several letters that were sent to executives of companies that offer assistance to emerging municipalities soliciting their expertise. Mr. Everett stated that the main purpose of sending the letters is to gather information on the pros and cons of starting a new city.

Mr. Everett also noted that NE Dade had approximately 300 people at their last steering committee meeting. He also added that the steering committees tend to accomplish more at reaching the public. The function of the municipal advisory boards is limited to only gathering information.

Ms. Dozier-Washington stated that our steering committee needs to be more active at getting the word out to the community. Mr. Gordon suggested that MAC members contact the steering committee individually and offer their assistance.

Several suggestions were made on reaching out to the community including posting signs around the community with information about upcoming meetings, and the distribution of pamphlets about the municipal advisory committee and the incorporation process. The board was informed that a pamphlet was completed but it still needs the numbers from the budget.

Anne Zimmerman wanted to know if there is any information available on the number of registered voters in our community and suggested that the focus needs to be geared toward the registered voter.

Ms. Dozier-Washington suggested requesting the phone bank from the Elections Dept. and possibly using an automated recording to inform residents of upcoming meetings. Ms. Gulley will contact the Elections Department to determine how the MAC can obtain these contact lists.

Mr. Gordon suggested MAC members develop copy of Q and A for a series of "fact findings" to publish to the community to foster discussion for the next meeting.

Ms. Gulley stated that if proforma budget is completed the consultant will be able to review budget.

Meeting adjourned.